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### L.A. COUNTY FINALIZES PRIMARY 2010 VOTE COUNT

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan certified and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors declared final the election results for the June 8, 2010 Primary Election. Results certification took place on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 and followed a detailed 28-day canvass period involving a multitude of tasks to ensure all valid ballots were processed and election results audited. The period also provided for a full accounting of election materials, supplies and equipment.

“Activities associated with canvassing the election and certifying the returns are laborious, time intensive and meticulous,” said Logan, “but they are vital to the transparency, integrity and accountability of the elections process.”

There were 852,153 ballots counted on Election Night. This included 239,769 returned vote by mail ballots and 612,384 ballots cast at polling locations on Election Day. The RR/CC validated and added an additional 169,295 ballots during the four-week canvassing period for a final total of 1,021,448 ballots cast.

Among the ballots processed and added during the post-election canvass period were:

- Vote by mail ballots received the day before or the day of the election. (NOTE: by law, all vote by mail ballots received by mail must be signature-verified prior to removal from envelopes for counting);

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- Provisional ballots cast on Election Day by persons whose names were not on the voter file or who appeared at a polling location other than the one noted on their voter registration record. These ballots required verification of each voter's eligibility prior to counting. (NOTE: The total number of provisional ballots received for this election was 39,161, of which 36,381 or 93% were validated and counted.);
- Ballots cast on Election Day, but which had to be re-made and/or enhanced prior to counting primarily due to voters casting ballots outside of their assigned voting precincts or due to torn/damaged ballots that could not be processed through the vote tabulation equipment; and
- Ballots containing write-in votes for candidates not listed on the ballot that staff must manually verify prior to counting.

Out of 1,021,448 ballots cast in the election, 651,949 (or 63.83%) were cast at one of the county's 4,822 polling locations on Election Day. Vote by mail ballots numbering 369,499 (or 36.17%) were cast for the Primary Election.

In addition to completing the final vote count, the post-election canvassing activities included the legally required manual tally and comparison of all ballots cast in a 1 percent random selection of the county's 5,190 voting precincts. This process involved hand counting 9,092 ballots from 62 precincts. The RR/CC conducted all canvass and manual count activities publicly with observers present.

More than 300 regular and temporary RR/CC staff worked to accomplish the complex ballot counting and vote auditing tasks during the allotted 28-day period prior to this week's certification. Additionally, more than 20,000 volunteer pollworkers and precinct coordinators assisted voters on Election Day contributing to a well-run election.

"I would like to thank the hundreds of temporary staff who help us complete the election canvass and especially the members of the public who shared their valuable time to serve their communities as pollworkers on Election Day. They are the key to successful administration of elections in Los Angeles County and are fine examples of participation in the democratic process," stated Logan.

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